2 *SEN.* So did we woo
Transformed Timon to our city's love,
By humble message, and by promis'd means [9]; We were not all unkind, nor all deserve The common stroke of war.

1 SEAT. These walls of ours
Were not erected by their hands, from whom
You have received your griefs[1]: nor are they such,
That these great towers, trophies, and schools
should fall For private faults in them [2].

2 *SEN** Nor are they living,
Who were the motives that you first went out[3];
Shame, that they wanted cunning, in excess

Their refers to *griefs.* [f(To give thy rages balm/' must be considered as parenthetical. The modern editors have substituted *ingratitudes* for *ingratitude.* MALONE.

9 So did we woo
Transformed Timon to our city's love,
By humble message, and by promis'd MEANS ;]
Promised means must import the *recruiting of his sunk fortunes ;* but this is not all. The senate had wooed him with humble message, and promise of general reparation. This seems included in the slight change which I have made ;
«----and by promis'd *mends."*
THEOBALD.

Dr. Warburton agrees with Mr, Theobald, but the old reading may well stand. JOHNSON.

" By promis'd *means,"* is [e] by promising him a competent subsistence.' So, in King Henry IV. Part II.; " *Your means* are very slender, and your waste is great." MALONE.

[1] You have received your GRIEES :] The old copy has—grief; but as the Senator in his preceding speech uses the plural, *grief* was probably here an error of the press. The correction was made by Mr. Theobald. MALONE.

[4] For private faults in THEM.] That is, in the persons from whom you have received your griefs. MALONE.

3 — t$_{ne}$ MOTIVES that you first went out;] i. e. those who made the motion for your exile. This word is as perversely em ployed in Troilus and Cressida:
« .————ner wanton spirits look out
[fe] At every joint and *motive* of her body."
STEEVEN&.